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Dear Earl Kinnoull,

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU ref ST-5844-2018-INT-EN + ADDS 1- 2 re 39488.20

Baroness Blackwood wrote to your predecessor, Lord Boswell, on 19 July 2019 to provide an update on the above draft Regulation that has been proposed by the Commission to strengthen cooperation on health technology assessment across Member States. She wrote to you on 28 October to explain that the UK would at that time continue to participate in EU discussions on the proposed Regulation. The UK left the EU on 31 January and is therefore no longer participating in discussions on the proposed Regulation. The Government has been clear that it will work hard to achieve a balanced agreement on a future relationship with the EU that is in the interests of both sides, and that any agreement must respect the sovereignty of both parties and the autonomy of our legal orders. It does not therefore include any regulatory alignment between the UK and EU.

This letter, therefore, is the final update on the UK's position on the proposed Regulation now that the UK has left the EU.

I am writing similarly to Sir William Cash, Chair of the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee.

LORD BETHELL